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Support Youth; Donate to Alabama 4-H through Income Tax Check-Off Program

Alabama residents can support one of the state's best youth development organizations – Alabama 4-H – when they complete their state income tax forms.

Alabama 4-H is one of the participating charity organizations in the state's Income Tax Check-Off program. By completing Schedule DC and choosing Alabama 4-H – Line 1-l (one L) – Alabamians can donate their individual return to Alabama 4-H.

“As a lifelong member of 4-H, from a Walker County 4-H'er and now as an adult volunteer, I know how worthwhile 4-H programs are for our state's youth,” said Dorman Grace, chairman of the Alabama 4-H Club Foundation board of directors.

“Especially in these difficult economic times, youth need to know they are important,” he said. “The state's income tax program makes it easy to give and support Alabama 4-H.”

State 4-H leader Lamar Nichols said donations are used to support 4-H programs across the state. “4-H provides no-cost or low-cost programs, events and activities that all youth can take advantage of,” he said. “They can be involved in a horse club to a rocketry club and anything in between.

“The income tax giving program is vital to 4-H,” Nichols said. “Any amount helps and youth feel the impact of a person's donation.”

In the six years Alabama 4-H has been part of the state's Income Tax Check-Off program, nearly \$45,000 has been donated.

Alabama 4-H is the state's largest youth education organization, reaching more than 65,000 youth between the ages of 9–18. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship and positive character development, and provides programs, competitions, events and activities for youth in rural and urban settings through in-school programs, community clubs and special interest groups.

To learn about Alabama 4-H and how resident can support Alabama 4-H through the state's tax check off program, contact Nancy Alexander, director of Development for Alabama 4-H Club Foundation, Inc., at (334) 844-2219 (alexana@aces.edu).

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